

# CONGRESSMAN J. DENNIS HASTERT

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ILLINOIS MANUFACTURERS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 20, 2005



[www.buyusa.gov](http://www.buyusa.gov)

Mary Joyce of the **U.S. Department of Commerce - Commercial Service, Chicago** will introduce export assistance programs helping small and medium-sized companies access new markets. For 25 years the U.S. Commercial Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce has successfully brought together exporters and importers of U.S. goods and services around the world. Our team of more than 1,600 trade professionals in 105 U.S. cities and 150 U.S. Embassies and Consulates in 78 countries around the world is available to help companies find partners and navigate the complex trade process.



[www.exim.gov](http://www.exim.gov)

Michael Howard, Midwest Director of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, will speak on Export Financing. The **Export-Import Bank of the United States**, an independent federal government agency, is the official export credit agency of the U.S. The Ex-Im Bank assists in financing the export of U.S. goods and services to international markets. Ex-Im assumes credit and country risks that the private sector is unable or unwilling to accept. With Ex-Im Bank's export financing support, U.S. companies can increase revenues, enter new markets with limited risk and capture market share from international competitors.



[www.taacenters.org](http://www.taacenters.org)

Elisa Hodapp, from **Applied Strategies International-Midwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center** located in Chicago will be present to discuss the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. This program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, is designed for manufacturers who have lost domestic business to imports and experienced sales and employment declines over the last two years. This program offers 50/50 cost sharing of projects aimed at improving a firm's competitive position.



[www.norbic.org](http://www.norbic.org)

Chris Press from **NORBIC** will speak on NAFTA Opportunities, providing technical guidance and assistance for companies interested in exporting to the two largest U.S. export markets, Canada and Mexico. Founded in 1975, NORBIC is a non-profit economic development organization that promotes job growth and community advancement through the provision of technical and professional services to manufacturers in the greater Chicago area.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY FAXING APPLIED STRATEGIES INTL.  
BY THURSDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>.

FAX: 312-368-9043 PHONE: 800-333-2148

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Attendee \_\_\_\_\_  
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A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.

### WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**BODIE BUILDING, ROOM 147**  
ROUTE 47 AT WAUBONSEE DRIVE  
SUGAR GROVE, IL 60554

#### DIRECTIONS:

<http://www.waubonsee.edu/about/sgdirpark.php>

**COST: NONE**

**PRE-REGISTRATION: REQUIRED**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2005**

**8:30 AM - 9:00 AM CHECK-IN**

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM CONFERENCE**



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